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Weekend curfew sparks protest

Traders wear black bands, black masks and black outfits to express dissent

Mysuru, Aug. 21 (PM&BCT)- Weekend curfew at a time when COVID cases are on the decline is unscientific. Also when more than 50,000 people are allowed to gather at K.R. Market in Bengaluru, imposing restrictions on business in Mysuru is a regressive move and displays lack of concern and application of mind by policy-makers, opined the business community of the city.

Traders under the banner of Federation of Organisations and Associations of Mysuru staged a protest in key business areas of Central Business District this morning against weekend curfew. They sported black bands on their forehead, wore black masks, T-shirts and fully-black outfits to register their protest.

The Federation had called for a protest yesterday through social media to "observe weekend curfew under protest" and the call received good response from traders of D. Devaraj Urs Road, Vinoba Road, Shivarampet and Santhepet. The Police had given one hour to the agitators to protest and they had to wind up by 11.45 am. As part of the weekend curfew, only essential services and shops were open till 2 pm while the rest of the businesses were shut.

Gathering in front of shops and assembling at many places in the business areas, traders lamented that there was no one to hear their appeals and many representations have fallen on deaf ears. "All the borders are open with only name-sake restrictions. In Bengaluru K.R. Market, more than 50,000 people congregate daily. The State Government has not imposed any restrictions there but is singling out Mysuru and also Kodagu," they alleged.

(See PROTEST on page 6)

Natl. Regatta Championship begins amid confusion

Blame game between Mysuru and Mandya administrations as locals cry violation of weekend curfew norms

Sailing competition underway at KRS backwaters this morning. *[Pic. by Vinay Karekura]*

Mysuru, Aug. 21 (SSV&VK)- Sailing competitions began in the backwaters of Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) in Srirangapatna Taluk of Mandya District this morning amidst "jurisdictional" confusion. While Mysuru District Administration claims the area where the competition is being held comes under its jurisdiction, the Mandya Administration claims the same!

Meanwhile, the local people are protesting saying that if it comes under the jurisdiction of Mysuru District, then how can they be given permission when weekend curfew is in force till 5 am of Aug. 23.

Mysore Sailing Regatta, a National sailing contest, has been organised by Royal Mysore Sailing Club and Karnataka State Sailing Association. Around 100 sailors from various parts of the country are participating.

(See REGATTA on page 6)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 21st August 2021

City doctor to moderate
sessions at US Academy Meet

Seen are** (from left) **Prof. Fares Hadad (UK), Dr. Roberts, Dr. B. Prashanth, Moderator, Dr. Adolph V. Lombardi (Current Chair of Exhibits Committee, New Albany, USA) and Dr. (Mrs.) Roberts at an Annual Meeting Session.

Mysuru, Aug. 21- The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) has invited city doctor Dr. Bogadi Prashanth, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon and Specialist in Joint Replacement Surgery, as Moderator for its Annual Meeting in San Diego from Aug.31 to Sept.3. Currently serving as an Exhibits Committee Member, AAOS (2019-2022), he will moderate sessions on 'Hip and Knee' (Ask an Expert), 'Technology Talks' (Alignment and Soft Tissue Balancing in Knee Replacement using intraop sensors) and 'Innovation Theatre' (new innovations and technology relevant to Orthopaedic Clinical practice).

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

As the world unites in a furious effort to predict the contours of the next COVID wave, riding on the Delta variant, we may be inadvertently neglecting something equally grave — the long-term fallout of the first two waves. The massive death toll aside, the past almost-two years have had a devastating effect on quality of life, particularly so for the more vulnerable humans, like our children. Every aspect of a child's life, from school to play, has been deeply impacted. The effect of such extreme social-physical deprivation is bound to be severe on a developing mind. Worse, there really is no end in sight: No one knows when exactly schools will reopen, or in what form, or whether and when the children will be vaccinated. And that's just the disarray on the surface. Go deeper, and imagine the devastating effect this disruption has had in a country like India, where midday schemes at school conjoin fundamental policy goals like nutrition and primary education.

The digital divide in education is widening alarmingly; school dropouts are expected to double, so is malnutrition. That's not even mentioning mental health. With all the uncertainty surrounding them, and being virtually locked in their homes, our children are taking on an asocial aspect. Karnataka is still tinkering with its plans on reopening schools, and on child vaccination. When firefighting is the mode of governance, you can expect the Government to be perpetually locked into near-sightedness. But not having a clear roadmap to navigate India out of this morass will mean we are cheating our future itself.

— In The New Indian Express

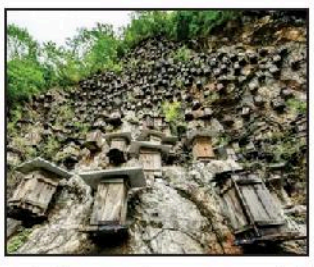
NEWS SPARKLERS

12-year-old survives on bread & fruit yogurt

London: Ashton Fisher, a 12-year-old boy from the UK spent over a decade living only on a specific brand of white bread and fruit yogurt before being diagnosed with food phobia. Ever since he was two, the 12-year-old boy from Norfolk would get scared and begin to cry if his parents tried to feed him anything but Warburtons sliced white bread and strawberry and banana Munch Bunch yogurts. Although no one knows the exact reason why Ashton developed this bizarre food phobia, his mother, Cara, believes it might have been triggered by having reflux as a baby.

The Fishers took Ashton to see selective eating disorder specialist Felix Economakis, who diagnosed him with Avoidant Restrictive Food Intake Disorder (ARFID). He has also been able to get the 12-year-old to try new foods, even though they aren't exactly the healthiest.

A unique box-covered wild bee sanctuary



Beijing: A near-vertical cliff wall in the mountains of Shennongjia Nature Reserve in China's Hubei Province, is home to over 700 wooden boxes which make up one of the country's last sanctuaries for native wild bees.

The introduction of the European honey bee (Apis Mellifera) is considered the main cause of the drastic decline of native Chinese bees. It has brought viral diseases, has been known to attack Chinese honeybee hives and interfere with its mating rituals. Today, the Chinese honey bee (Apis Cerana Cerana) is listed as an endangered species and the cliff-hanging hives of the Shennongjia Nature Reserve make up one of the few protected sanctuaries in the country.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Coping with constipation in pregnancy

Make sure you get plenty of fibers from fruits, vegetables, and whole grains; drink at least 8-10 glasses of water (of 200ml) daily; and try to fit in some exercise every day. If these do not relieve the constipation, a stool softener that's safe to use during pregnancy can be recommended.

By Dr. Madhura Phatak - Consultant Obstetrics and Gynaecology

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CET mock test for
Engineering seat aspirants

Mysuru, Aug. 21- Mysore College of Engineering and Management (MyCEM) has organised an online Mock CET examination on Aug.25 and 26 to encourage students for CET examination preparation. Students will get one hour duration to complete each subject between 10 am and 6 pm at their convenient time.

Aug.25: Mathematics and Chemistry paper; **Aug. 26:** Physics. Top 10 students will be given cash prizes.

For registration visit: www.*mycem.edu.in* or contact Mob: 91080-12039.

Ban orders imposed around CET exam centres on Aug. 28 & 29

Mysuru, Aug. 21- With the Karnataka Examination Authority scheduled to conduct CET-2021 (Common Entrance Test for admission to professional courses barring Medical and Dental courses in Karnataka) on Aug.28 and 29, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham, who is also the District Magistrate, has imposed prohibitory orders in 200 mts. radius around all the exam centres in the city and district on these two days. All photocopy shops in the vicinity of the centres have been ordered to shut down on the dates of the exam.

REALLY...?

- ***Princeton researchers successfully turned a live cat into a functioning telephone in 1929.***
- ***The first Burger King was opened in Florida Miami in 1954.***
- ***The first English dictionary was written in 1755.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Two thieves were fixing a bomb in a car.

***Thief 1:** What would you do if the bomb explodes while fixing?*

***Thief 2:** Don't worry, I have one more !?*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.30
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 101.23
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.23
1 Euro	= Rs. 86.92

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	AUGUST 19	AUGUST 20
Day's Positive Cases	103	87
Total Positive Cases	1,74,993	1,75,080
Day's Discharges	95	111
Total Discharges	1,71,614	1,71,725
Day's Deaths	3	2
Total Deaths	2,346	2,348
Total Active Cases	1,033	1,007

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

VOICE OF THE READER

More on collapsing heritage structures

Sir,

Dr. Javeed Nayeem in his weekly column *'Over a Cup of Evening Tea'* dated Aug.16, while chronicling on the sad neglect by the authorities regarding heritage structures, has now touched on the collapse of the front portion of more than 110-year-old Fire Brigade heritage structure way back in 2019.

In this connection he has traced the history of holding exhibition at various venues and has mentioned that the Fire Brigade was also one of the venues which is a revelation. He has also mentioned about his part as a young boy giving very interesting details of his prowess as a marksman.

By now Mysureans are accustomed to become hapless witness of the brazen indifference of Government authorities to put off for years to take timely restoration of those magnificent heritage structures of Lansdowne Building and Devaraja Market. Instead they appear to have intentionally delayed taking prompt action for years by referring interminably to various technical committees so that the building will collapse by itself and that a new building can be built in its place.

It is public knowledge why this delaying tactics are adopted. The great tragedy is that they remain beyond the pale of accountability of their criminal negligence. Wonder why the courts too did not intervene *suo motu* to question the Government of its negligence because it is an issue of great public importance for the preservation of heritages of the unique city like Royal Mysore.

In this connection it strikes me that perhaps if both Gouri Satya, who writes frequently about the heritage of Mysuru and Dr. Javeed Nayeem, who unearths so many interesting history of Mysuru, join forces to come up with a book, they would do a great service to enrich the history of Mysuru.

—H.R. Bapu Satyanarayana
on e-mail

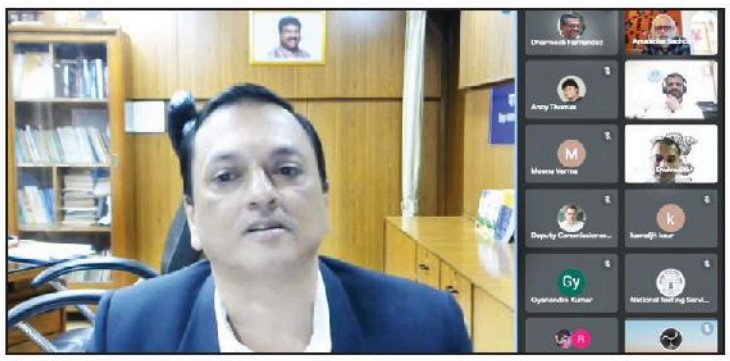
Saraswathipuram
18.8.2021

Citizens can submit grievances regarding ZP schemes

Mysuru, Aug.21 - Grievances Redressal Authority's K. Kariappa said that members of the public can submit their grievances regarding any schemes concerning the Zilla Panchayat to the Authority. In a press release, he said that the people can submit their grievances regarding drinking water, road maintenance, health services, street lights, lapses in the selection of beneficiaries under various Government schemes and such other issues at the Authority's Office at Chikkamagalur or the Mysuru ZP Office. For more details, call Ph: 0821- 2526330.

CIIL and Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti join hands for implementation of NEP-2020

Mysuru, Aug. 21- To create awareness and consensus among the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) teachers about specialised scientific contents, state-of-the-art tools, techniques and methodologies prevalent in the area of regional language education and mother-tongue education in line with the implementation of National Education Policy-2020, the NTS-I of Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), had organised the 2nd phase of online capacity building language training programmes for NVS regional language teachers. A six-day online capacity building programme for Punjabi language teachers was held from Aug.16 to 21.



Prof. Shailendra Mohan, Director, CIIL, addressing the NVS Punjabi teachers during inaugural ceremony of the training programme.

Prof. Rajesh Sachdeva, chief guest, emphasised on the fact that a good teacher is always a lifelong learner. Language teachers must be able to exploit the similarities and differences between target language and native language of students in terms of their respective scripts, grammars, associated cultures, vocabularies, etc., to the benefit of the students. He also spoke about the importance of different variables such as motivation, attitude, age group, intelligence, aptitude, cognition and personality in classroom teaching.

In his Presidential address the Director of CIIL, Prof. Shailendra Mohan spoke about the competency based learning, and expressed that the teachers must be able to adopt and adapt to 21st century skills in teaching Indian languages. He further assured that these programmes will enable the teachers to revise and re-invent different aspects of teaching, testing and evaluation, especially, in the area of language education.

These training programmes will play an important role in the development and promotion of Indian languages and thereby they will also contribute towards fulfilling 'EK BHARAT SHRESHT BHARAT' vision of the country.

Prof. P.R. Dharmesh Fernandez, Head, Centre for Testing and Evaluation, briefed the participants about the activities undertaken by NTS-I, CIIL and its seven regional centres, while Gyanendra Kumar, Joint Commissioner, NVS expressed his happiness on CIIL and NVS coming together to train the teachers. Dr. Pankaj Dwivedi, Programme Coordinator, welcomed. N.P. Rajan, Deputy Commissioner, NVS proposed a vote of thanks. Dr. Pawan Tibba briefed about the objectives. About 250 teachers in four languages — Punjabi, Odia, Assamese and Urdu — weretrained by renowned experts during the training held separately. The programmes were organised under the patronage of Prof. Shailendra Mohan and Vinayak Garg, Commissioner, NVS (HQ).

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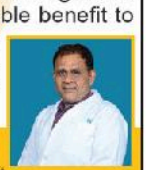
Urinary Stones are very common and seeing an upward trend. This commonly affects males than females (3:1 ratio) and is mainly noticed in the 30's & 40's age group population. Urinary stones can be broadly classified into Renal, Ureteric and Bladder stones and are mainly caused due to dehydration and is a misconception among the public that it is due to eating habits. In Renal Stones, the treatment depends on Stone size. Stones more than 1 cm need treatment. Treatment can be in the form of ESWL/PCNL/mini PCNL, all of which are available at Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru. Ureteric Stones causing pain, vomiting, fever needs surgical interventions. Out of all the cases, only 10% need intervention and stones less than 4 mm can be treated medically. Our chairman at Apollo has always emphasized that 90% of health problems are preventable. Urinary stones can also be prevented through simple measures. Plenty of fluids, less salt and intake of animal-based protein-rich diet can help in preventing them. These simple measures can be of considerable benefit to society and mankind. Drinking water must be made a priority despite the work pattern, especially among the young workforce to keep urinary stone formations at bay.



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NEWS BRIEFS

Phone-in prog.

The Women and Child Development Department will be holding a phone-in programme on Aug. 23 from 10.30 am to 11.30 am. Department Dy. Director Geethalakshmi will hear the grievances of the public. People may call Ph: 0821-2495432.

Postponed

On account of Moharram, the interview for selection of Postal Life Insurance and Rural Postal Insurance agents in Nanjangud Postal Division, which was scheduled to take place on Aug. 20, has been postponed to Aug. 26. Interview will take place at Nanjangud at 11 am on Aug. 26.

ITI admission

Mysuru Rural Industrial Training Institute, an aided ITI located at Hinkal on Hunsur road, has invited online applications from SSLC passed candidates for admission to 2-year ITI courses based on merit-cum-reservation basis. Admission is open for Fitter, Turner and Machinist trades. There are 20 seats in each trade. Candidates can apply via: www.emptrg.kar.nic.in or www.detkarnataka.org.in. [Mob: 99867-37970].

Ph.D awardee

The University of Mysore has awarded Ph.D in Electronics to Anitha Raghavendra for her thesis 'Machine Learning Approaches for Quality Evaluation of Mangoes' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Mahesh Rao.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	120.14	feet
Yesterday	:	119.94	feet
Inflow	:	8,656	cusecs
Outflow	:	5,536	cusecs

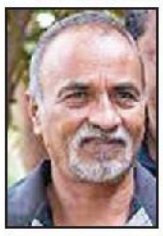
KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,283.12	feet
Inflow	:	5,373	cusecs
Outflow	:	7,208	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,857.58	feet
Inflow	:	2,262	cusecs
Outflow	:	3,362	cusecs

'A photograph can change the course of a war'



Krupakar

Wildlife photographer Krupakar recalls the story of 'Napalm Girl' during Vietnam War

Mysuru, Aug. 21 (MTY&BCT)- It was a chilling photograph that came to symbolise the horrors of the Vietnam War and ultimately, helped end it. Photographer Nick Ut, born Huỳnh Công Út, had snapped the shot that deemed it the most iconic photo of the Vietnam War.

On June 8, 1972, he took a picture that the world would call 'Napalm Girl', of a group of children including a nine-year-old naked girl running from an explosion, screaming towards Nick's camera, somewhere in Trang Bang, South Vietnam. The photo brought him a Pulitzer, it brought him admirers across the world. But most importantly and Nick would remind you this, it changed the War.

This incident was recalled by city wildlife photographer Krupakar of Krupakar-Senani fame at an event held at Pathrakarthara Bhavan last Thursday on account of World Photography Day. An exhibition was also organised to mark the occasion by Mysore District Journalists Association (MDJA).

A napalm bomb does not kill instantly. It is more of an incendiary device designed to trigger a fire-storm, with its gelling agent sticking to a victim's skin until it peels off, resulting in excruciating pain and agony.

"In the photo, children are seen running and screaming from a burning Vietnamese village. The little girl in the centre of the frame, Phan Thi Kim Phuc, is naked and crying, her clothes and layers of skin melted away by napalm. The photo reminds all of us how just awful war is," Krupakar said.

Kim was playing outside her house that day when the napalm was dropped. She and a couple of children were jumping about. Asking fellow children to run, Kim's clothes were burned and so was her body. The day of the napalm attack, Nick had enough pictures of the war. When Kim unexpectedly ran towards his camera, Nick thought she was going to die. He poured on her body the water he had, covered her up and took her to the hospital along with the other children. At the hospital, when they were hesitant to let the children in, Nick flashed his media card.

He warned the doctor and nurse and told them if they didn't help her, the picture of the nude girl would be everywhere in the world. They later took her in and she was saved. Nick had said in an interview that if he had not helped her and she died, he would have killed himself too.

"Nick's commitment is worth emulating to all photographers where he upheld both humanity and professionalism. The girl has had to relive the traumatic experience all her life. But the picture is one of the most iconic war photos of all time," Krupakar noted.

Felicitation: As part of the event, retired photographer R. Srikanta Sharma, wife Mala Sharma and also his mother Subbalakshmi, were felicitated. Another photographer S. Manjunath (Giri Manju), who had saved two persons from drowning at Cauvery River near Konanuru in Arkalgud taluk of Hassan recently, was also feted.

Mysore District Journalists Association (MDJA) President S.T. Ravikumar, General Secretary M. Subramanya, Vice-President Basavanna, *SOM* photographer M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav and others were present.

Need Institutes like Jayadeva for quality treatment at low cost, opines Adichunchanagiri Seer

Mysuru, Aug. 21 (MTY&SSV)- Hospitals on the lines of Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, Bengaluru, must be established all over the country to provide treatment at an affordable price to people with heart ailments especially in rural areas, opined Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji, Head of Adichunchanagiri Mutt.

The Seer, who visited Jayadeva Hospital here yesterday, was astonished to see cleanliness and the art of treatment. Later, he told media persons that hitherto, Jayadeva Institute was restricted to Bengaluru. However, now its services have been extended to Mysuru and Gulbarga. Lives of lakhs of people had been saved due to timely treatment in these Hospitals, he said adding that Dr. C.N. Manjunath (Jayadeva Director) deserves appreciation for ensuring a new lease of life for people with heart ailments.

He said it was highly appreciable that humanity was given first priority in this Institute which is following a theme 'treatment first payment later'. Though the cost of cardiac treatment is high people need not worry as there are Institutes like Jayadeva which are ready to offer treatment at affordable price. This Institute has been a model for other Hospitals regarding maintenance and providing treatment to lakhs of people, the Swamiji noted.

Continuing, the Seer said of late, diabetes was on the rise in the country which was linked to heart diseases. So, this was proving fatal for heart with cardiac problems. If this Institute was in the first place in Asia in treatment of such persons it was due to hard work and dedication of doctors and the medical staff. Such Institutes must spread across the country, he added.

Seer feted

On this occasion, the Seer was felicitated on behalf of the Institute. Sri Somanatha Swamiji of Mysuru Shakha Mutt, Dr. C.N. Manjunath, former MLA Vasu, Jayadeva Hospital (Mysuru) Medical Superintendent Dr. K.S. Sadanand, Dr. Harsha Basappa, Dr. Santosh, Dr. Rajith, Dr. Devaraj, Nursing Superintendent Harishkumar, PRO Vani Mohan and Champakamala were present during the Swamiji's visit to Jayadeva Hospital.

Only NEP can achieve holistic education

Student-centric policy nurtures creativity, says Higher Education Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan

Mysuru, Aug. 21 (YDS&BCT)- In a historic step, the University of Mysore (UoM) entered into a new era in education by implementing the National Education Policy (NEP)-2020 in letter and spirit. Along with NEP implementation, the University has ushered in a slew of measures to improve quality of education and also launched a 'Career Hub' focussing on enhancing job opportunities.

Unveiling the NEP at an event held at Crawford Hall last evening, Minister for Higher Education and IT and Biotechnology Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan said that the government's aim is to decentralise education and at the same time ensure that the revolutionary NEP is totally implemented. "The University of Mysore, which was the first University to be set up in Karnataka, should play an important role in the implementation of NEP. The NEP that aspires to empower have-nots, would pave way for improvement of quality in education by facilitating collaborations, partnerships and providing the best online content," he said.

Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan lighting the lamp during the unveiling of the NEP implementation by the UoM at an event held at Crawford Hall in city last evening. Others seen are (from left) Registrar Prof. Shivappa, Karnataka State Higher Education Council Vice-Chairman B. Thimme Gowda, UoM VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, MP Pratap Simha and MLA L. Nagendra.

Higher academic system

He termed apprehensions over NEP as unnecessary and unfounded and said that there should not be any misunderstanding over the policy since it had been formulated keeping in mind the interests of students. Implementing NEP, the Indian academic system will be taken a step higher, he reasoned.

"Only NEP can help build a bright future because of its holistic educational concepts. It enables the teaching and learning process to be designed according to the present global developments and needs. The student-centric policy aims to nurture creativity, innovativeness, critical thinking, logical reasoning and it makes them aware of the rich heritage of our country," he said.

Freedom to students

"All these years, we have followed an education policy that was not student-centric. The gains one would be getting from the NEP were multifold as it had adopted concepts that go into developing the learners' prospects. The fruits of the NEP would soon be visible as it pushes for bringing in required changes," he explained.

The NEP that gives freedom to students in learning is drafted on strong principles of education. Its implementation will strengthen the local languages besides imparting vocational skills, he pointed out.

"The Narendra Modi government has initiated reforms in the education sector that had been awaited from the last 35 years. Now the students have the choice in learning. Only education and skill development can help India achieve a powerful status and education is a perfect means to achieve empowerment," he added.

Substantiating his statements with examples, Dr. Ashwathnarayan said that Japan and South Korea had achieved tremendous growth because of empowerment in education and skill development.

Multidisciplinary academics

"The NEP will better India's future and lay a firm foundation to systematic career growth as education primarily focuses on skill. For making the students prepared for future pandemic situations, online academics will be promoted on a larger scale. Also, multidisciplinary education and research universities at par with the IITs and IIMs will be set up. These are scheduled to be set up for introducing multidisciplinary academics," he noted.

"People must change their mind-set towards private educational institutions. Both government and private institutions play an important role in imparting education and building the children's future. Private educational institutions must not be seen as commercial entities. If people start questioning the fees charged, how can institutions function," he asked.

Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji of Suttur Mutt, in his blessing remarks, said that the NEP is flexible and has an inherent value of openness.

Earlier, UoM Vice-Chancellor (VC) Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar made a presentation on NEP and its implementation.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha said that the NEP helps develop critical thinking as it lays emphasis on discussion-based education, making students develop an analytical mind and prompt them to innovate.

Career Hub launched at UoM

Mysuru, Aug. 21 (YDS&BCT)- As part of the unveiling of NEP-2020, Minister for Higher Education Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan also inaugurated a slew of development projects initiated by the UoM such as Career Hub, hostels for research scholars, the Centre of Excellence and the Hassan Academic Bhavan.

The Career Hub has been constructed with funds from the Centre under Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA). He also inaugurated the newly-built first floor of the Kannada Study Centre, constructed using the RUSA grants of Yuvaraja's College. He inaugurated UoM's constituent colleges in Hettur, Terakanambi and Halli Mysuru.

The Career Hub is a pioneering initiative that aims at upskilling youth and enhancing job placements. It also bridges the demand and supply gap of talent. In today's competitive job market, an increasing number of employers expect students to be equipped better. The Career Hub is involved in supporting students by giving them practical experience and increasing the chance of employability.

Understanding job trends

A Skill Development Centre focuses on providing a wide range of online and face-to-face services to help students develop employability skills and enable them to plan their career after understanding the latest job trends. Skill development initiatives will focus on getting students to be industry-ready. Generic skills like English, coaching for competitive exams like UPSC, resume writing clinics and industry certification programmes will be developed in collaboration with industry leaders like Google Cloud readiness, IB and SAP. The hub has membership with industry bodies like CII and NASSCOM.

State-of-the-art facilities

The Design Hub of the Career Hub focuses on providing students with state-of-the-art facilities to work on innovative business ideas and create prototypes. It provides students mentors from a range of sectors to share important industry insights and gain real-life experience.

The Career Hub's Incubation Centre aims to provide structured mentoring support and networking events. It gives support to validate business ideas commercially, and seed funds for a select few novel ideas.

Five new engineering courses

The UoM has become the first Government University in Karnataka to get the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) permission to launch engineering courses.

The School of Engineering is one of the ambitious initiatives of UoM under NEP-2020. From 2021-22 onwards, UoM will offer five new engineering courses, including Civil Environmental Engineering; Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning; Artificial Intelligence and Data Science; Computer Science and Design; Biomedical and Robotic Engineering.

The total intake will be 300 seats. While 50 percent of seats will be allotted through Karnataka Examination Authority, the other 50 percent will be allotted by UoM and will be filled up through self-financing.

Manasa Radio

The University's Manasa community radio station was also inaugurated. An exclusive hostel has been built for students pursuing research. The 78-room three-storey building has been constructed at a cost of Rs. 2 crore.

A Centre of Excellence has been set up on the premises of the Department of Studies in Computer Science. Besides the students from computer science, the students from other departments can make use of the new centre which has collaborated with IBM and SAP.

The University has entered into a strategic partnership with Google Cloud. The Centre of Excellence provides students access to technology and services for learning more about Google Cloud. The centre will run two programmes — 'Google Cloud Career Readiness' and 'Google Cloud Computing Foundations'.

Natl. Regatta Championship begins amid confusion

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The competitions were not held yesterday due to protest by local residents and non-compliance of permission from Mandya District Administration. This had forced Captain Arvind Sharma, Founder of Royal Mysore Sailing Club (RMSC), to put on hold the event temporarily and rushed to Mandya to seek permission from Deputy Commissioner and Superintendent of Police, even after he had the Mysuru District Administration's permission. Besides, formal permission was also taken from the authorities of Cauvery Niravari Nigam Limited (CNNL) since the Dam comes under its control.

While the competition has begun, confusion still remains. "All hurdles are cleared and the contests have started this morning," Captain Sharma told *SOM*.

Blame Game

Confusion is prevailing over the location of competition. While locals claimed that it comes under Mysuru jurisdiction, a few officers claimed that it belongs to Mandya District.

On allegations regarding holding the competition in 'restricted area', Captain Sharma said that the event was going on at least 1.5 km away from the Dam and said that the State-level authorities of CNNL have given permission only after going through the detailed proposal submitted by RMSC and Karnataka State Sailing Association (KSSA). "I am not aware of complaint that the competition is going on within 700 meters of the Dam," he added.

Meanwhile, when reporters questioned about the absence of Health and Fire Departments, Captain Sharma noted that permission had been given by the District Administration of Mysuru only after following due procedure.

Replying to a question on the mandatory RT-PCR negative report of all participants, the organiser said that since most of them have come by flight, they would not have been allowed to board without producing RT-PCR test report. Most of them are senior sailors and they were aware of the COVID rules.

On the allegation of operating a drone in Dam area, Captain Sharma said that an enthusiast photographer was ready to operate it but it was stopped immediately after being informed about the ban on operating drone in that spot.

'No grace marks for private students in PU supplementary exam'

Bengaluru, Aug. 21- Even as the second PU supplementary exam for private and repeater students began on Thursday amidst the COVID pandemic, Minister for Primary and Secondary Education B.C. Nagesh said that no grace marks will be awarded in the supplementary exam.

Speaking to press persons here yesterday, Nagesh said that most of the students appearing for the supplementary exam are private candidates and repeaters and only a few students who rejected the PU Board's results of the annual exam (2020-21) announced last month, are taking the exam.

Asserting that there will be no grace marks in the supplementary exam as the examinees have got enough time for studies during lockdown, the Minister said that the exam, which concludes on Sept. 3, is being held with all COVID safety and precautionary measures.

Referring to the start of offline classes from Aug. 23 for standards 9 to 12, Nagesh said that revisional classes will be held for the first fifteen days for students appearing for physical classes as students have lost nearly one-and-half-year of school classes.

GTTC invites applications for training and courses

Mysuru, Aug. 21- Under the Chief Minister's Kaushalya Karnataka Yojane (CMKKY), the Government Tool Room and Training Centre (GTTC) has invited applications from eligible students for admission to short term training and Post-Diploma courses.

The admission is open for poor and unemployed candidates who have passed SSLC, PUC, Diploma and BE (Mechanical). The free training is available in trades such as Turner, Miller, Grinder, Fitter, Mechanical Assembly, CNC Programming, Machine Design, CAD-CAM, solid works, MCAM, Pro-E, IOT, PDV, Mechatronics, RPT, Robotics, Renewable Energy etc.

Admission is also open for one-year Post-Diploma in Tool Design and Tool Room Machinist courses. However, these courses carry a fee.

Interested candidates can register their names online through the website *[http://www.kaushalkar.com]* before Sept. 16. The age limit for General Category candidates is 16 to 35 years and for SC/ST, 16 to 45 years. Application fee: Rs. 125 for SC/ST; Rs. 250 for others. For details, visit GTTC located in Belagola Industrial Area, off KRS Road, Mysuru or call Ph: 0821-2582750 or Mob: 91416-29598 or 99454-42654 or 99454-79700.

Weekend curfew sparks protest

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"We have submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister asking him not to re-impose curfew during weekends as we are already suffering from several problems due to the prolonged COVID-19 lockdown since March 2020. Problems have worsened by the weekend curfew," said Federation President B.S. Prashanth.

President of Mysore Travels Association C.A. Jayakumar said that if the COVID cases are really on the rise, the traders would openly cooperate with the administration. "We have fully cooperated in the past. All classes of traders, businessmen and industrialists have suffered. The case positivity rate is low in Mysuru and there is no need for curfew and lockdowns," he noted.

Traders have favoured the sealing of borders and said that they were also willing to accept a night curfew instead of a weekend curfew. "Mysuru being a tourist and business-centric destination after Bengaluru does not have a local Minister to boast of and we have a Tourism Minister who is not at all interested in his portfolio. The present District Minister has repeatedly and consistently assured us that weekend curfew would be lifted. But nothing has been done," lamented Federation Vice-President C. Narayanagowda, who is also the President of Mysuru Hotel Owners Association.

Federation office-bearers M.R. Rajaram (President, Mysore Film Exhibitors Association), K.R. Sathyanarayana (President, Mysuru Choultry Owners Association), D. Srihari (President, Yoga Federation of Mysuru), S.K. Dinesh (President of Mysore Petroleum Traders), K. Ajit Narayan (President, Builders Association of India, Mysuru Chapter), V. Veerabhadra (President, Devaraj Urs Road Traders Association), A. Sudheendra (President, Mysuru Pharma Forum) and R.N. Ramesh (President, Mysuru Textile and Garments Merchants Association) were present.

Cauvery pipeline breaks; Highway under water

Srirangapatna, Aug. 21 (Vinay Karekura&BCT)- A part of the Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway submerged in knee-deep water yesterday as a huge drinking water pipeline broke. Motorists, especially two-wheelers, were inconvenienced as they had to wade through water.

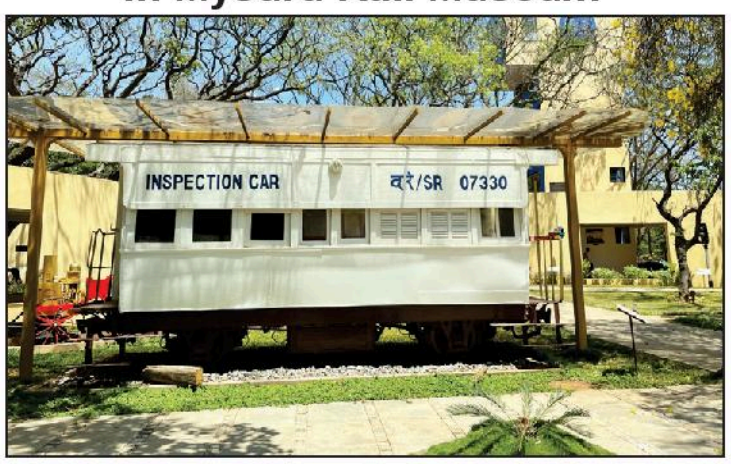
A huge water spring emerged near Baburayanakoppal near Srirangapatna yesterday as the main pipeline that distributes Cauvery water from the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam to Mandya broke above the Lokapavani Bridge.

This was the main line out of the three lines that supplied water. Due to the day-long leak, roads were filled with water and the access routes to villages were blocked. Desperate motorists were seen carefully negotiating their vehicles on the road that was under water.

Though the villagers and local residents informed the authorities concerned, no one came to repair the pipeline. As such, water flowed from the pipeline all day.

Finally at 6 pm, workmen landed at the Lokapavani Bridge and restored the pipeline.

Railways permit still photography and photo shoot of special events in Mysuru Rail Museum



Mysuru, Aug. 21- After the re-opening of the redeveloped Mysuru Rail Museum to public from March 2020 onwards, there has been a persistent demand for permission for still photography in the Museum premises by using digital cameras.

Both rail enthusiasts and general public had suggested that it would indeed be a wonderful opportunity to capture some beautiful moments spent by them with family, children and friends in one of the oldest Rail Museums in the country which has in its collection quite a few heritage artefacts like vintage steam locomotives, wooden inspection coaches and the prized royal saloons.

After weighing the pros and cons of the issue and with effect from Aug.23, 2021 the Railway Administration has decided to allow still photography by visitors using DSLR and other professional cameras now inside the Rail Museum premises with prior permission and on payment of the notified charges at the reception.

Also, professional photo shoot/ videography of special events employing tripods, reflectors and lights will be permitted on Tuesdays (closed holiday for visitors) with the prior approval of the Competent Authority and subject to conditions, details of which can be had at the reception

Rahul Agarwal, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), South Western Railway, Mysuru, has in a press release urged the visitors to make use of the opportunity provided by the Railways responsibly duly adhering to the extant guidelines so that the sanctity of the Museum is always preserved.

Mysuru Mayoral Poll

BJP seeks JD(S) support

Mahesh non-committal; to seek Corporators' views

Mysuru, Aug. 21 (SBD&SSV)- With the Mayoral poll fixed for Aug. 25, hectic parleys are going on between BJP and JD(S) leaders to strike a possible deal to share power in the coming next one year.

As part of this, Co-operation Minister S.T. Somashekar and other leaders met K.R. Nagar JD(S) MLA S.R. Mahesh at his office last night and held meeting for over one hour. Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, MLA L. Nagendra and City BJP President Srivatsa were present.

Later, Somashekar told media persons that Mahesh was a most 'trusted' JD(S) leader in this region. The BJP had sought his support during last two Mayoral polls and it is asked for the coming elections too. The MLA has clarified that he alone cannot take decision since it needs to be discussed with the State leaders and the party Corporators. In the meantime, BJP City President Srivatsa will talk to the State BJP President Nalin Kumar Kateel regarding seeking the JD(S) support. A clear picture will emerge in two days.

Mahesh said that BJP leaders have sought his party support in the Mayoral polls. A meeting of party Corporators will be held on Saturday (Aug. 21) to seek their opinion and the same will be shared with the party Supremo H.D. Deve Gowda and former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy. The decision of the duo will be final, he noted.

Wants Mayor post

Having failed to get the Mayor post in last two elections, the BJP was leaving no stone unturned to grab this post at any cost and holding the meetings with JD(S) leaders to woo them. Firstly, power sharing must be decided at local level and then it will be finalised by State leaders. It was learnt that Somashekar has sought the Mayor's post for BJP to which Mahesh has categorically stated that his party Corporators are not ready for it.

In previous Mayor election held on June 11, the JD(S) was confident of retaining the Mayor post as part of the agreement with Congress. On the other hand, the Congress had planned to occupy this post for next two terms. The JD(S) Corporators did not want to lose the opportunity since the post of Mayor had been reserved to General Category-Woman.

They have decided to maintain a similar stand in the coming Mayoral poll as they feel anything may happen in politics and chances of going with old partner Congress or new partner BJP cannot be ruled. Despite that they must not give up the Mayor post to other party.

This evening

Mahesh has conveyed a meeting of his party corporators at a private hotel in city this evening to elicit their opinion. MLCs K.T. Srikantegowda and Marithibbegowda and others are expected to attend.

In the meantime, Congress has continued its efforts to grab the Mayor post and learnt to have resolved to support JD(S) only if the latter agrees to give that post for it. As of now, the picture still looks hazy and a clear picture on alignment among parties may emerge only on the day of election.

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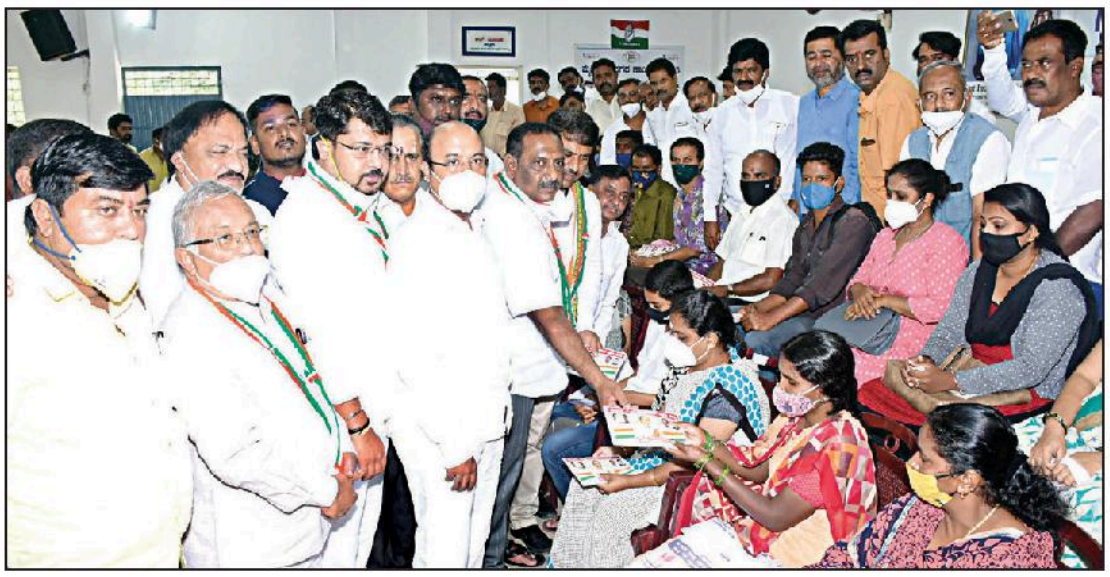
Congress leader distributes Rs. 10,000 each to 150 families of COVID dead



Mysuru, Aug. 21 (RKB&DM)- Congress leader K. Harish Gowda distributed Rs. 10,000 each to the family of over 150 COVID dead persons at a programme organised at Congress Bhavan near City Railway Station here on Thursday.

Speaking after launching the financial assistance distribution programme, Varuna Congress MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah said that it is a humane act.

Pointing out that Harish Gowda and other Congress leaders are doing what the Government should have done in the first place, Dr. Yathindra contended that the BJP Government had failed in checking the spread of the deadly COVID pandemic, which claimed the lives of thousands of people.

Charging the Government of ignoring the Expert Committee recommendations, Dr. Yathindra criticised former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa for having failed to visit Chamarajanagar when 36 COVID patients died due to shortage of oxygen at Chamarajanagar District Hospital in the first week of May last. But Opposition Leader Siddharamaiah, KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar and a host of other Congress leaders visited Chamarajanagar and offered their condolences besides extending financial support to the affected families, which shows the Congress party's concerns for the people, he said.

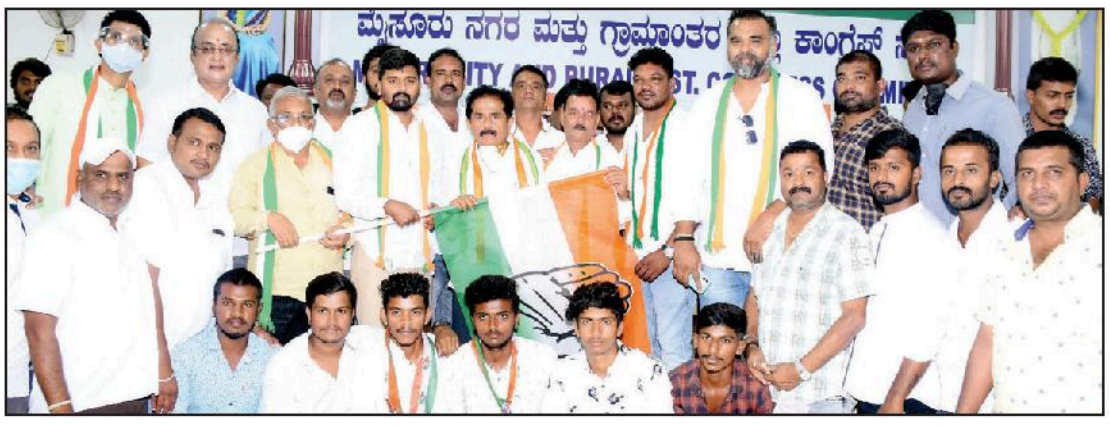
Accusing the BJP Government of resorting to cheap publicity, the MLA claimed the BJP Governments at the State and the Centre were heartless, at a time when the people of the State and the country were reeling under various problems and burning issues following the outbreak of the pandemic.

Congress leader Harish Gowda, in his address, said that he has distributed more than 60,000 food and ration kits to the poor during COVID crisis and donated Oxygen Concentrators and other medical equipment during the second wave of the pandemic that struck over four months ago.

Announcing that he was ready to take care of the education of two children who lost their parents due to COVID, Harish Gowda said that though the problems and plight of COVID affected families does not get solved by the Rs. 10,000 financial assistance that he was giving, this monetary assistance is given out of humanity, with a message that the Congress will be with them in future too.

Former Mayors Ayub Khan and B.K. Prakash, Corporators Gopi, Shivakumar and Sreenivas, District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, City President R. Murthy, Congress leaders K. Marigowda, Sunil Bose and others were present.

'Congress will come back to power in 2023'



Mysuru, Aug. 21 (MTY&SSV)- "Congress will come back to power in the State after 2023 Assembly polls, thanks to good works done by former CM Siddharamaiah during his 5-year rule between 2013 & 2018," said former MLA M.K. Somashekar.

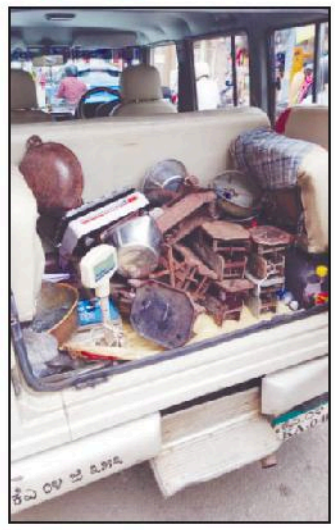
Speaking at a function to induct over 500 youths who joined Congress from BJP and Janata Dal-Secular (JD-S) here on Wednesday, he said that people were fed up with the corruption-riddled BJP Government since 2019. "The people are angry with policies of State and Union Governments which are giving importance to plundering of resources than rolling out welfare schemes. The fuel prices have hit the roof making life of common man miserable due to the selfish attitude of Government," he added.

Somashekar said that for the first time in 40 years history of Karnataka, Siddharamaiah Government gave corruption-free governance for five years and now, the people were repenting for voting BJP in 2018 Assembly polls. "The welfare programmes launched by Siddharamaiah will help Congress to come back to power in the next Assembly polls and a large number of BJP and JD(S) workers were joining the Congress party to make it more powerful. They have vowed to remove BJP from power in the next elections," he added.

He claimed that the literacy rate which was 12% in the country was now 70% due to starting of hundreds of educational institutions, ITI, professional colleges. Party workers must strive hard to install the Congress Government both in Karnataka and Delhi.

A number of youth leaders from BJP and JD(S), who joined Congress, were given the party flags.

Legal Metrology officials raid shops, seize 14 tampered weighing machines



Mysuru, Aug. 21 (MK&KS)- The officials of the Legal Metrology Department, who conducted surprise raids on shops at various markets on Thursday, have warned shopkeepers against cheating customers and have seized 14 tampered weighing scales and machines, which were showing excess weight. A team of officials led by Legal Metrology Department K.M. Mahadevaswamy, visited shops at Devaraja Market, M.G. Road Market and roadside vendors on Sayyaji Rao Road and inspected the weighing machines.

The raids were conducted following a complaint to Legal Metrology Department Deputy Controller M.S. Ramaiah, that a few shopkeepers in various markets were cheating customers in weight.

Mahadevaswamy said that such raids would continue and warned that first the weighing machines of shops cheating customers would be seized and added that if the shopkeepers continue cheating customers, legal action would be initiated against them.

Footpath encroachment clearance drive

21 cases booked, 34 notices served, Rs. 9,000 fine collected in 4 days

Mysuru, Aug. 21 (KS)- Continuing their operation against footpath encroachers in city, the Mysuru City Traffic Police, who conducted drives on Aug. 16, 17, 18 and 19 across the city, have booked a total of 21 cases besides issuing 34 notices and collecting a total of Rs. 9,000 as fines in four days.

On Aug. 16, Devaraja, Krishnaraja, Narasimharaja, Siddarthanagar and V.V. Puram Traffic Police personnel, who conducted the drives on JMP Road, Chamaraja Double Road, M.G. Road, K.T. Street, Bannur Road and Hebbal Main Road, registered four cases under Karnataka Police Act (KPA) and three cases under Indian Motor Vehicles Act (IMVA), besides issuing 10 notices to footpath encroachers and collecting a total of Rs. 3,000 as fine.

On Aug. 17, the Traffic Cops conducted the footpath clearance drives on Ramanuja Road, Bannur Road and Gokulam Main Road, during which 10 notices were served to footpath encroachers.

Three cases under IMVA were booked against footpath encroachers on Aug. 18 and the Cops have issued nine notices besides collecting Rs. 3,000 as fines. The footpath encroachment clearance drives were held on M.G. Road, Kabir Road, Nazarbad Main Road and on KRS Road.

On Aug. 19, the drives against footpath encroachers were held on Benki Nawab Street, Chavadi Street, New Sayyaji Rao Road, Male Mahadeshwara Road and Hebbal Main Road by Devaraja, Krishnaraja, Narasimharaja, Siddarthanagar and V.V. Puram Traffic Police, during which eight cases under KPA and three cases under IMVA were booked besides issuing notices to five people and collecting a total of Rs. 3,000 as fines.

DCP (Crime & Traffic) M.S. Geetha Prasanna and ACP (Traffic) S.E. Gangadharaswamy guided staff of all Traffic Police Stations in the footpath encroachment clearance drives.

'D. Devaraj Urs statue to be installed in new DC Office premises'

Noted Diabetologist Dr. Lakshminarayan, Senior Journalist Amshi Prasannakumar and city's Maharaja Education Trust President Dr. S. Murali were conferred 'Ursu Kayaka' award by Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Development Corporation Chairman Raghu Kautilya.

Mysuru, Aug. 21 (MTY&DM)- Maintaining that former Karnataka Chief Minister late D. Devaraj Urs strived for the development of backward and marginalised sections of society, D. Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Development Corporation Chairman R. Raghu Kautilya said that measures will be taken for the installation of the statue of Devaraj Urs in the premises of the new Deputy Commissioner's Office at Siddarthanagar in city.

He was speaking at the birth anniversary of Devaraj Urs at a programme jointly organised by District Kannada Sahitya Parishat and D. Devaraj Urs Pratime Prathishtapana Samiti at Kannada Sahitya Bhavan in Vijayanagar here yesterday.

Pointing out that Devaraj Urs, who was the Chief Minister of the State twice, is known as the champion of Backward Classes, Raghu Kautilya said that it is a matter of pride that Urs belonged to Mysuru district. But it is regretful to note that there is no Memorial of the late former Chief Minister in Mysuru, except for a road named after him in the city's Central Business District.

Asserting that he had sent a proposal to the District Administration for installation of Devaraj Urs statue at the new DC's Office premises, Raghu said the Department Secretary Rashmi Mahesh has approved installation and works will begin soon.

Recalling that Devaraj Urs, as the Chief Minister had issued Congress party ticket to the then 28-year-old A.H. Vishwanath (now MLC) of K.R. Nagar in the 1978 Assembly polls, Raghu said that such kindness of Urs towards Backward Classes hugely helped in Backward Classes getting political representation.

Noting that it was Urs who renamed the then Mysore State as Karnataka, he recalled the love for Kannada language that the former CM had.

KSOU faculty Dr. N.R. Chandregowda, in his address, said that Urs who hailed from Kallahalli in Hunsur taluk of Mysuru district, had a good understanding of rural problems.

Asserting that Urs was an able administrator who worked for the development of the State, he said that Urs must be credited for giving a political rebirth to late PM Indira Gandhi, who had lost the 1977 LS polls, by making her contest from Chikkamagalur Lok Sabha by-poll in 1978, which she won.

District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna presided.

Former Kuvempu Bhasha Bharathi Chairman Dr. Pradhan Gurudatta, former District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Presidents Maddikere M. Gopal and M. Chandrashekar, social worker K. Raghuram, Devaraj Urs Pratime Prathishtapana Samiti President Zakir Hussain, General Secretary Dairy Venkatesh, senior theatre artiste Rajashekar Kadamba, Kannada activists Mugur Nanjundaswamy and B.A. Shivashankar and others were present.

BJP, Congress celebrate
Urs birth anniversary in city

Mysuru, Aug. 21- Congress and BJP celebrated the birth anniversary of the late former Chief Minister D. Devaraj (D.D.) Urs at their respective party offices in the city yesterday.

At Congress Office

Congress celebrated the birth anniversaries of former Chief Minister D.D. Urs and former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi at a programme organised at Congress Bhavan near the City Railway Station here, by offering floral tributes to the portraits of the two leaders.

Speaking on the occasion, former MLA M.K. Somashekar said that the birth anniversary of the two great leaders is being celebrated in a simple manner due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Pointing out that the two leaders had a great vision for development of the country, he said Rajiv Gandhi made a great contribution for spurring the growth of technology.

He recalled the role of Rajiv Gandhi in Bengaluru becoming a global software and technology hub. Likewise, Devaraj Urs is credited for introducing revolutionary legislations such as Land Reforms Act and Bonded Labour System Abolition Act, he maintained. He noted that Urs transformed the State into a Model State through his innovative and revolutionary schemes and programmes for the welfare of the poor and other oppressed and marginalised sections of the society.

District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, City President R. Murthy, Spokesperson M. Lakshmana, leaders H.A. Venkatesh, K. Harish Gowda and others were present.

At BJP Office

BJP celebrated the birth anniversary of D.D. Urs by offering floral tribute to the portrait of the former CM at the party office in Chamarajapuram here.

Speaking on the occasion, City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa said that current political leaders should learn about the commitment that Urs had for giving a good administration. He further said that Urs changed the political scenario of the State by bringing in revolutionary social and agricultural reforms.

D. Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Development Corporation Chairman R. Raghu Kautilya, in his address, said that Urs strived for building an equal society. Contending that Urs became a victim of false propaganda, where he was accused of corruption and nepotism, he said that Urs lent a voice to voiceless sections of the society.

Recalling the efforts of previous Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa in implementing various schemes for the poor, he said that both Devaraj Urs and Yediyurappa were sympathetic to the plight of backward sections of the society.

Blaming the Congress for the downfall of Urs and ill-treating him in his last days, Raghu declared that the CM will soon announce the scheme for distribution of 1,000 sewing machines and 500 computers to each of the 30 districts of the State.

BJP State Spokesperson M. G. Mahesh and BJP OBC Morcha City President Jogi Manju too spoke on the occasion.

State Govt. vows to upgrade Residential Schools

Bengaluru, Aug. 21 (UNI)- Asserting that the State Government was investing a lot on SC/ST, OBC and Minorities education, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Friday announced a special programme to upgrade Residential Schools across the State to bring them at par with CBSE standards.

Speaking at an event to mark the 106th birth anniversary of former Chief Minister late D. Devaraj Urs, he said Karnataka has some 800 Residential Schools catering to students from various social groups.

He said programmes can be launched to increase confidence of College students in residential facilities to clear NEET, CET and different competitive exams for higher education as wells for jobs in the personal sector.

"Karnataka started Adarsha Vidyalayas that are honoured by CBSE. We want to create a system [in residential schools]that is of CBSE standards," he said.

CM Basavaraj Bommai paying tributes to former CM late D. Devaraj Urs during the latter's 106th birth anniversary yesterday.

Further he said the State Government will also start three new Residential Schools for children belonging to nomadic tribes this year. "There are already four Schools and a Corporation. Of the four Schools, two don't have their own buildings. For that, we're giving Rs. 6 crore each. We will also take decisions to safeguard the unique nomadic cultures," he said.

Earlier, Bommai and different leaders paid floral tributes to Devaraj Urs at the State Secretariat. Addressing the gathering, he lauded the contributions of Urs through the unification and development of the State. He said that the State Government has been offering scholarships valued at Rs. 625 crore yearly for College kids of SC/STs, Minorities and OBCs for pursuing higher education.

On the occasion, Bommai presented Devaraj Urs Award to Basavaprabhu Lakhangowda Patil of Athani in Belagavi, S.G. Susheelamma of Sumangali Seva Ashrama, Bengaluru and K. Bhaskar Das of Yekkar in Dakshina Kannada district for 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 respectively, for his or her work for the welfare of the downtrodden.

CM Basavaraj Bommai taking a look at the vintage Mercedes Benz car (used by Devaraj Urs) that was kept on display during the birth anniversary celebrations at Vidhana Soudha yesterday.

WORD OF THE DAY

Defenestration

Pronunciation: dee-fen-uh-STRAY-shun.

Meaning: Defenestration originally meant "a throwing of a person or thing out of a window." Today, it's more often used for "a usually swift dismissal or expulsion (as from a political party or office)."

Origin: These days defenestration—from the Latin fenestra, meaning "window"—is often used to describe the forceful removal of someone from public office or from some other advantageous position. History's most famous defenestration, however, was one in which the tossing out the window was quite literal. On May 23, 1618, two imperial regents were found guilty of violating certain guarantees of religious freedom and were thrown out the window of Prague Castle. The men survived the 50-foot tumble into the moat, but the incident marked the beginning of the Bohemian resistance to Hapsburg rule that eventually led to the Thirty Years' War and came to be known as the Defenestration of Prague (it was the third such historical defenestration in Prague, but the first known to be referred to as such by English speakers).

THE ODD WORD

Danism

Lending money on usury.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Down for the count

Meaning: Someone or something that has been defeated, or nearly so. Out of commission. When referring to a person, it can mean they are unable to function normally, usually because of sickness or injury.

Origin: It's believed that this phrase comes from boxing. In boxing, two fighters enter an arena, and the audience watches from afar as the fighters try and knock out their opponent by throwing punches. If one of them gets knocked down from a punch, then the referee starts to slowly count to ten. While the ref is counting, the downed boxer has to stand back up on his feet in order for the fight to continue. However, if he does not get back up before the ref counts to ten, then it's ruled that he's been knocked out and the fight ends. Thus, being "down for the count" refers to the time when a boxer is literally down on the floor and the referee begins to count (as depicted in the picture above). The earliest one could find this phrase in print is in the Newark Daily Advocate newspaper, 1900: "Jack root, the undefeated middleweight of Chicago at Tattersall's obtained the decision over Dick O'Brien of Lewiston, Maine, at the end of six rounds, after one of the fiercest battles ever witnessed in this city. O'Brien was in poor condition or probably the result would have been different, as he had Root down for the count three times in second round."

QUOTE BOX

You never really learn much from hearing yourself speak. **—George Clooney**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus

Answer: Fizzle out.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Utters or makes a statement
5 Seat or settee
10 A sailor - "let atom" burst?
13 Follow
14 By now, previously
15 A, E, I, O or U?
16 Short simple song with refrain
18 Golf item
19 A Hawaiian garland
20 A biblical king
24 French word meaning `good'?
27 Hunting cry (5-2)
29 Environment or surroundings
32 Among, in the company of
33 Unit of electric charge
35 Some Assembly Required
36 Successful pilots
37 Art degs.
39 To be indebted
42 Prescience
45 Indian goddess of wealth
49 Former actress, ... O'Hara
50 Large sea
51 City of Georgia
52 Surrenders
53 It may be common, proper or collective or even abstract

DOWN

1 Observed or noticed
2 He is just _ ___ : he is a boy or a youngster? (1,3)
3 Style of singing popular in Swiss Alps
4 Surgical instrument
5 A group of larks or quail
6 Rock musician Brian
7 Australian state, briefly
8 Billiards stick
9 Norse goddess
10 Trade centre, in short?
11 Skin lotion plant
12 Extremely loyal or orthodox? (4-4)
17 Amer Inst. of Aero. & Astro.
20 Among other things, inter ___
21 Lightest gas
22 American Helicopter Society
23 Automated online program
25 Applies lubricants to
26 "New", as a prefix
28 London, Midland and Scottish
29 Ministry of Civil Aviation
30 Summer and Winter Games org.
31 Boss of a shield
34 He serves you drinks
38 NATO's expired cousin
40 Sharpen
41 Sicilian volcano
42 Appendages for fish
43 Enterprise helmsman
44 Tehran's locale
45 Line of control
46 King topper
47 Marked wrong
48 __ West : life-jacket?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

		F	E	M			M	B	A			
	H	A	V	O	C		U	R	G	E	S	
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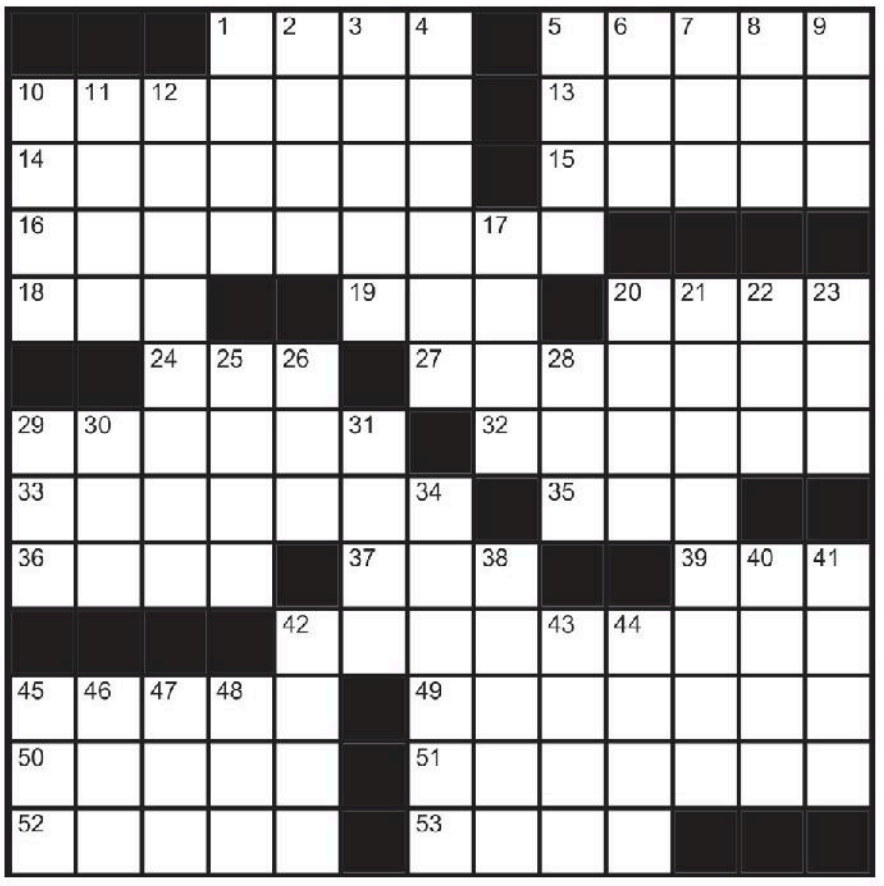

SUDOKU

		2	4	3				6
9	3			5				
		6					3	
	9	4	2					
3								5
					6	7	4	
	8					6		
				9			5	1
7				6	1	9		

Answer to previous puzzle

2	3	8	5	4	6	7	9	1
6	7	5	8	9	1	2	4	3
9	4	1	3	7	2	6	5	8
8	6	2	9	5	7	3	1	4
4	5	9	1	6	3	8	7	2
7	1	3	4	2	8	5	6	9
1	8	7	6	3	4	9	2	5
5	2	4	7	8	9	1	3	6
3	9	6	2	1	5	4	8	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

LB SXE KJT FLWO SXEP UXT XP VJEFRAOP XTNS

XTO FLBA, NOA LA IO OTAREULJUZ.

TODAY'S CLUE: E EQUALS U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The reason people blame things on the previous generations is that there's only one other choice.

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	(S-3)	10.40 am
	(S-4)	1.20 pm, 6.25 pm
Bell Bottom (3D-H)	(S-4)	10.45 am, 3.50 pm
The Conjuring (E)	(S-2)	11 am, 6.25 pm
Shardula (K)	(S-2)	1.25 pm
Groufie (K)	(S-2)	4.05 pm
Jeevnane Natka Samy (K)	(S-3)	1.10 pm
Paagal (Te)	(S-3)	3.30 pm
Raja Raja Chora (Te)	(S-3)	6.10 pm

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		4.30 pm
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	(S-4)	5.00 pm
The Conjuring (E)	(S-4)	11.00 am
Shardula (K)	(S-3)	2.20 pm
Groufie (K)	(S-3)	5.45 pm
Jeevnane Natka Samy (K)	(S-3)	11.20 am
Raja Raja Chora (Te)	(S-4)	1.40 pm

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Raja Raja Chora (Te)	:	10 am, 1.30 pm, 5 pm
Kanabadutaledu (Te)	:	2.20 pm
Paagal (Te)	:	1.15 pm
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The Conjuring (E)	:	11.35 am, 5.35 pm

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Jeevnane Natka Samy (K)	(S-4)	11.30 am, 4 pm

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Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games (Aug. 24-Sept. 5, 2021)

Indian Powerlifters depart for Tokyo

New Delhi, Aug. 21- India's powerlifters Jaideep Kumar and Sakina Khatun along with coach J.P. Singh left for the Tokyo Paralympic Games yesterday.

Jaideep Kumar will take part in the Men's 65kg category while Sakina Khatun will be competing in the women's 50kg category. Both the powerlifters shall be competing for medals on Aug. 27 in their respective categories.

Hopeful for a medal, Jaideep said: "We have trained hard for the mega event. If everything goes well, we can create history and bring a medal home."

Sakina Khatun was one of the 10 athletes who interacted with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Aug. 17. PM Modi had hailed her as a winner as she not only fought her disability but also extreme poverty.

J.P. Singh, who has been keeping a close eye on their performances, is more realistic about the chances. He said: "We are not going there with any pressure. If we do our best have little bit luck on event day, our powerlifters will create history."

The contingent was given a warm send-off by officials of the Sports Ministry and the Sports Authority of India.

Earlier on Wednesday, the first batch of Indian athletes for the upcoming Tokyo Paralympics, including flag bearer Thangavelu Mariyappan left for the Games on Wednesday amid a warm send-off.

The eight-member group was accorded a send-off at the Indira Gandhi International Airport by officials of Sports Ministry, Sports Authority of India (SAI) and Paralympic Committee of India (PCI). Along with Mariyappan, Tek Chand and Vinod Kumar were the other two athletes that took the early morning flight to Tokyo. Another contingent of 14 members, including the PCI President, left for the Japanese capital on Wednesday evening.

The Paralympics Games will begin on Aug. 24. India will start their campaign from Aug. 25 with para table tennis where Bhavina Patel and Sonal Patel will be in action.

PM Modi interacts with Indian para-athlete contingent ahead of Paralympic Games

New Delhi, Aug. 21 (UNI)- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday last virtually interacted with the Indian para-athlete contingent, who will represent the country in the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics, scheduled be held between Aug. 24 and Sept. 5.

During the interaction, the PM lauded the para-athletes for their self confidence and will power. He credited their hard work and said he is hopeful that India will create a new history at the Tokyo Paralympic Games.

Modi also mentioned that today's new India does not put pressure for medals on the athletes but expects them to give their best. Referring to the recent Olympics, the he said that country is firmly with the athletes in their efforts whether they win or miss.

While discussing the importance of mental strength along with the physical strength in the field, the Prime Minister praised the para athletes for overcoming their circumstances and moving forward despite them.

Notably, three sessions were conducted through workshop and seminars on sports psychology for the Indian contingent keeping in mind the issues like lack of exposure and stress of new place, new people and international settings.

India is sending their biggest ever contingent to the Paralympic Games. 54 para athletes from across 9 sports disciplines will represent the nation at Tokyo Games.

EVENTS TOMORROW (AUG. 22)

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